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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																									
<p>1. Statement</p> <table> <tr> <td>Novelty (N)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>1-19</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td></td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inventive step (IS)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td></td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td>1-19</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial applicability (IA)</td> <td>Claims</td> <td>1-19</td> <td>YES</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Claims</td> <td></td> <td>NO</td> </tr> </table>			Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19	YES		Claims		NO	Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES		Claims	1-19	NO	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19	YES		Claims		NO
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>The following documents have been cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1: JP, 63-165418, A (Toagosei Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), 08 July, 1988 (08.07.88) Document 2: JP, 6-145276, A (Toagosei Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.), 24 May, 1994 (24.05.94) Document 3: JP, 8-92342, A (Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd.), 09 April, 1996 (09.04.96) Document 4: JP, 8-41147, A (Japan Synthetic Rubber Co., Ltd., Japan Special Coating Co., Ltd.), 13 February, 1996 (13.02.96) Document 5: WO, 96/10594, A1 (Zeonrize Co. Ltd., Nippon Zeon Co., Ltd., Sunarrow Co., Ltd.), 11 April, 1996</p> <p>(1) Concerning claims 1, 5-13</p> <p>Documents 1, 2 describe a method for producing a UV-curable liquid polyurethane resin according to the invention of this application, wherein (A) polycarbonate diol, (B) a trifunctional alcohol and (C) a diisocyanate compound are made to undergo a reaction in the presence of (D) a (meth)acrylate solution to obtain a (meth)acrylate solution of a urethane oligomer, and (F) a (meth)acrylate containing a hydroxyl group is added to the obtained solution to conduct a (meth)acrylation of the urethane oligomer at the ends. But the documents do not describe use of (E) a di(meth)acrylate compound of alkylene glycol with the alkylene group substituted by a lower alkyl together with (D). However, documents 3, 4 describe neopentyl glycol di(meth)acrylate (corresponding to (E) of the invention of this application) as a reactive diluting agent for urethane (meth)acrylate. Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily added neopentyl glycol di(meth)acrylate together with (D) at the time of the (meth)acrylation of the urethane oligomer in the method for producing a polyurethane resin described in documents 1, 2.</p> <p>Therefore, the subject matters of claims 1, 5-13 of this application do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of the inventions described in cited documents 1-4.</p> <p>(2) Concerning claims 2-4, 14</p> <p>Documents 1, 2 do not describe "(H) a hindered phenol antioxidant having a molecular weight of 500 to 2000".</p> <p>However, a person skilled in the art normally blends an antioxidant in a resin composition, and the above-mentioned hindered phenol antioxidant is well known to a person skilled in the art. Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily blended an appropriate amount of the above-mentioned hindered phenol antioxidant in the composition described in documents 1, 2.</p> <p>Furthermore, a person skilled in the art could have accordingly determined whether the hindered phenol antioxidant is to be added before or after (meth)acrylation of the urethane oligomer at the ends.</p> <p>Therefore, the subject matters of claims 2-4, 14 of this application do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of the inventions described in documents 1-4.</p>																										

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

- (1) The number of carbon atoms contained in the "lower alkyl" in "(E) the alkylene group is substituted by a lower alkyl group" described in claim 1 and "(E) component is 2,2-di-lower alkyl-1,3-propanedioldi(meth)acrylate" described in claim 10 is unclear.
- (2) Claim 13 describes "the method for producing a UV-curable liquid polyurethane resin according to claim 1, wherein the photopolymerization initiator of (G) component..., and claim 14 describes "the method for producing a UV-curable liquid polyurethane resin according to claim 1, wherein the hindered phenol antioxidant of (H) component..., but claim 1 describes neither (G) component nor (H) component. Therefore, citation of claim 1 in claims 13, 14 is inappropriate.